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LETTER DATED 14 OCTOBER 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED
TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit a note verbale with attachment dated 17 December 1991, from the Interests Section of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Washington, D.C. to the Embassy of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria to be forwarded to the United States Department of State on the violation of territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran by the forces of the United States in the Persian Gulf region. The attachment had previously been submitted to the Interests Section of the United States, Embassy of Switzerland in Tehran.

It would be highly appreciated if this letter were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Kamal KHARRAZI
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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Note verbale dated 17 December 1991 from the Interests Section
of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Washington, D.C. addressed
to the Embassy of Algeria in Washington, D.C.

The Interests Section of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Washington, D.C. presents its compliments to the Embassy of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, and has the honour to quote the attached messages which were sent to the Embassy of Switzerland, Interests Section of the United States of America in the Islamic Republic of Iran in two copies, the original text and an unofficial translation received from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran. It is respectfully requested that the original text of the messages be transmitted to the United States Department of State and that our office be informed of their response.

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Enclosure

The Foreign Ministry of the Islamic Republic of Iran presents its compliments to the Embassy of Switzerland, Interests Section of the United States of America and has the honour to inform it that according to the information received from officials of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran:

1. On 21 April 1991 a United States warship positioned in the Sea of Oman and the Persian Gulf (mainly between Lavan Island, Gohar and Morvarid oil platforms, Salman and Gohar oil platforms) warned the helicopter belonging to the Continental Shelf Oil Company to change its course. After awhile the pilot of the helicopter, because of this deviation and being low in fuel, requested to return to his original course. At this time a reconnaissance aircraft took off from the warship and intercepted the helicopter for a period of five minutes.

2. On 7 May 1991 a United States warship attacked an Iranian helicopter belonging to the Continental Shelf Oil Company which was flying near Siri Island. This attack occurred at a time when there was no radio contact between the warship and the helicopter, and the warship did not respond to the helicopter's radio contact.

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The Islamic Republic of Iran's reconnaissance flights over the Sea of Oman and the Persian Gulf are to restore and preserve its agreed rights within the principles of international law. The acts of United States warships are contrary to recognized international law and preventing such would hasten the Islamic Republic of Iran's helicopters to perform their duties and the exercise of their sovereignty over their oil fields. Furthermore, the helicopters of the Continental Shelf Oil Company are all considered non-military and can hold only a limited amount of fuel. Hence, changing their direction to different corridors other than ones specifically assigned, as well as attacks by United States warships, would endanger the safety of these helicopters and may cause an unfortunate incident.

Therefore, the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, while protesting these illegal actions, strongly demands that they be stopped at once. The United States Government will be held fully accountable for these illegal acts of aggression.
